

## ~JOB (458)

### [Object of Hostility]

.. Job's Integrity

.. Yehowah Loved Job

- A man living in the land of Uz, in what is now Arabia.
- There happened to be a man in the land of Uz whose name was **Job**, and that man proved to be blameless and upright, and fearing God and turning aside from bad. (**Job 1:1**)
- God said concerning **Job**.
- And Yehowah went on to say to Satan; Have you set your heart upon my servant **Job**, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? (**Job 1:8**)
- This would indicate that **Job** lived in Uz at about the time that his distant cousins, the 12 tribes of Israel, were in slavery down in the land of Egypt.
- By then Joseph the son of Jacob, Israel, had died, **1657 B.C.E.**, after he had endured much unjust suffering but had kept his blamelessness toward Yehowah God.
- Moses had not yet risen up as Yehowah's prophet to lead the 12 tribes of Israel out of Egyptian slavery. Between Joseph's death and the time when Moses by his conduct showed himself to be blameless and upright, there was no human with integrity like **Job's**.
- It was likely during this period that the conversations involving **Job** took place between Yehowah and Satan.
- Now it came to be the day when the sons of the true God entered to take their station before Yehowah, and even Satan proceeded to enter right among them. (**Job 1:6**)
- Then Yehowah said to Satan; Where do you come from? At that Satan answered Yehowah and said; From roving about in the earth and from walking about in it. (**Job 1:7**)

- **And Yehowah went on to say to Satan; Have you set your heart upon my servant **Job**, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? (**Job 1:8**)**
- **At that Satan answered Yehowah and said; Is it for nothing that **Job** has feared God? (**Job 1:9**)**
- **Have not you yourself put up a hedge about him and about his house and about everything that he has all around? The work of his hands you have blessed, and his livestock itself has spread abroad in the earth. (**Job 1:10**)**
- **But, for a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch everything he has and see whether he will not curse you to your very face. (**Job 1:11**)**
- **Accordingly Yehowah said to Satan; Look! Everything that he has is in your hand. Only against him himself do not thrust out your hand! So Satan went out away from the person of Yehowah. (**Job 1:12**)**
- **Afterward it came to be the day when the sons of the true God entered to take their station before Yehowah, and Satan also proceeded to enter right among them to take his station before Yehowah. (**Job 2:1**)**
- **Then Yehowah said to Satan; Just where do you come from? At that Satan answered Yehowah and said; From roving about in the earth and from walking about in it. (**Job 2:2**)**
- **And Yehowah went on to say to Satan; Have you set your heart upon my servant **Job**, that there is no one like him in the earth, a man blameless and upright, fearing God and turning aside from bad? Even yet he is holding fast his integrity, although you incite me against him to swallow him up without cause. (**Job 2:3**)**
- **But Satan answered Yehowah and said; Skin in behalf of skin, and everything that a man has he will give in behalf of his soul. (**Job 2:4**)**
- **For a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch as far as his bone and his flesh and see whether he will not curse you to your very face. (**Job 2:5**)**

- Accordingly Yehowah said to Satan; There he is in your hand! Only watch out for his soul itself! (**Job 2:6**)
- So Satan went out away from the person of Yehowah and struck **Job** with a malignant boil from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. (**Job 2:7**)
- Moses is generally credited with writing the account of **Job's** experiences. He could have known about Job when he spent 40 years in Midian and may have heard of **Job's** final outcome and death when Israel was near Uz toward the end of its wilderness journey.
- If Moses completed the book of Job about the time of Israel's entry into the Promised Land in **1473 B.C.E**, probably not long after **Job's** death, this would place the time of **Job's** trial about **1613 B.C.E**, for **Job** lived 140 years after his trial was over.
- And **Job** continued living after this a hundred and forty years and came to see his sons and his grandsons, four generations. (**Job 42:16**)
- And gradually **Job** died, old and satisfied with days. (**Job 42:17**)
- **Job** was a relative of Abraham, both being descendants of Shem. Though not an Israelite, Job was a worshiper of Yehowah. He was the greatest of all the Orientals, possessing great wealth. His family consisted of his wife, seven sons, and three daughters.
- There happened to be a man in the land of Uz whose name was **Job**, and that man proved to be blameless and upright, and fearing God and turning aside from bad. (**Job 1:1**)
- And seven sons and three daughters came to be born to him. (**Job 1:2**)
- And his livestock got to be seven thousand sheep and three thousand camels and five hundred spans of cattle and five hundred she-asses, along with a very large body of servants, and that man came to be the greatest of all the Orientals. (**Job 1:3**)
- He conscientiously performed duties as a priest for his family, offering sacrifices to God in their behalf.

- And his sons went and held a banquet at the house of each one on his own day, and they sent and invited their three sisters to eat and drink with them. (**Job 1:4**)
- And it would occur that when the banquet days had gone round the circuit, **Job** would send and sanctify them, and he got up early in the morning and offered up burnt sacrifices according to the number of all of them, for, said **Job**, maybe my sons have sinned and have cursed God in their heart. That is the way **Job** would do always. (**Job 1:5**)
- **Job** was a figure of importance in the gate of the city, even aged men and princes giving him respect.
- When the Almighty was yet with me, when my attendants were all around me! (**Job 29:5**)
- When I washed my steps in butter, and the rock kept pouring out streams of oil for me. (**Job 29:6**)
- When I went forth to the gate by the town, in the public square I would prepare my seat! (**Job 29:7**)
- The boys saw me and hid themselves, and even the aged ones rose up, they stood. (**Job 29:8**)
- Princes themselves restrained words, and the palm they would put upon their mouth. (**Job 29:9**)
- The voice of the leaders themselves was hidden, and their very tongue cleaved to their palate. (**Job 29:10**)
- For the ear itself listened and proceeded to pronounce me happy, and the eye itself saw and proceeded to bear witness for me. (**Job 29:11**)
- He sat as an impartial judge, executing justice as a champion of the widow, and was like a father to the fatherless boy, the afflicted, and those who had no help.
- For I would rescue the afflicted one crying for help, and the fatherless boy and anyone that had no helper. (**Job 29:12**)
- The blessing of the one about to perish, upon me it would come,

and the heart of the widow I would make glad. (Job 29:13)

- With righteousness I clothed myself, and it was clothing me. My justice was like a sleeveless coat, and a turban. (Job 29:14)
- Eyes I became to the blind one, and feet to the lame one I was. (Job 29:15)
- I was a real father to the poor ones, and the legal case of one whom I did not know, I would examine it. (Job 29:16)
- And I would break the jawbones of the wrongdoer, and from his teeth I would tear away the prey. (Job 29:17)
- He kept himself clean from immorality, greedy materialism, and idolatry, and he was generous to the poor and needy.
- If my heart has been enticed toward a woman, and I kept lying in wait at the very entranceway of my companion. (Job 31:9)
- Let my wife do the grinding for another man, and over her let other men kneel down. (Job 31:10)
- For that would be loose conduct, and that would be an error for attention by the justices. (Job 31:11)
- For that is a fire that would eat clear to destruction, and among all my produce it would take root. (Job 31:12)
- If I used to refuse the judgment of my slave man or of my slave girl in their case at Law with me. (Job 31:13)
- Then what can I do when God rises up? And when he calls for an accounting, what can I answer him? (Job 31:14)
- Did not the One making me in the belly make him, and did not just One proceed to prepare us in the womb? (Job 31:15)
- If I used to hold back the lowly ones from their delight, and the eyes of the widow I would cause to fail. (Job 31:16)
- And I used to eat my morsel by myself, while the fatherless boy did not eat from it. (Job 31:17)

- For from my youth he grew up with me as with a father, and from the belly of my mother I kept leading her. (**Job 31:18**)
- If I used to see anyone perishing from having no garment, or that the poor one had no covering. (**Job 31:19**)
- If his loins did not bless me, nor from the shorn wool of my young rams he would warm himself. (**Job 31:20**)
- If I waved my hand to and fro against the fatherless boy, when I would see need of my assistance in the gate. (**Job 31:21**)
- Let my own shoulder blade fall from its shoulder, and let my own arm be broken from its upper bone. (**Job 31:22**)
- For disaster from God was a dread to me, and against his dignity I could not hold out. (**Job 31:23**)
- If I have put gold as my confidence, or to gold I have said; You are my trust! (**Job 31:24**)
- If I used to rejoice because my property was much, and because my hand had found a lot of things. (**Job 31:25**)
- If I used to see the light when it would flash forth, or the precious moon walking along. (**Job 31:26**)
- And my heart began to be enticed in secrecy and my hand proceeded to kiss my mouth. (**Job 31:27**)
- That too would be an error for attention by the justices, for I should have denied the true God above. (**Job 31:28**)

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- **Job's** integrity to Yehowah was challenged by Satan. Then Yehowah, with confidence in that integrity and knowing His own ability to recover and reward **Job**, permitted Satan to test **Job's** integrity to the limit, but he did not allow Satan to kill **Job**.
- Although Satan, through various means, took away first **Job's** livestock and servants and then his children.
- Now it came to be the day when his sons and his daughters were

eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother the firstborn. (Job 1:13)

- And there came a messenger to Job, and he proceeded to say; The cattle themselves happened to be plowing and the she-asses were grazing at the side of them. (Job 1:14)
- When the Sabeans came making a raid and taking them, and the attendants they struck down with the edge of the sword, and I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (Job 1:15)
- While this one was yet speaking that one came and proceeded to say; The very fire of God fell from the heavens and went blazing among the sheep and the attendants and eating them up, and I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (Job 1:16)
- While that one was yet speaking another one came and proceeded to say; The Chaldeans made up three bands and went dashing against the camels and taking them, and the attendants they struck down with the edge of the sword, and I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (Job 1:17)
- While this other one was yet speaking, still another one came and proceeded to say; Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother the firstborn. (Job 1:18)
- And, look! There came a great wind from the region of the wilderness, and it went striking the four corners of the house, so that it fell upon the young people and they died. And I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (Job 1:19)
- Job never charged God with folly or wrongdoing. Neither did he turn away from God, even when pressure was brought upon him by his own wife and by others.
- And Job proceeded to get up and rip his sleeveless coat apart and cut the hair off his head and fall to the earth and bow down (Job 1:20)
- And say; Naked I came out of my mother's belly, And naked shall I return there. Yehowah himself has given, and Yehowah himself has taken away. Let the name of Yehowah continue to be blessed. (Job 1:21)

- In all this **Job** did not sin or ascribe anything improper to God. (**Job 1:22**)
- Finally his wife said to him; Are you yet holding fast your integrity? Curse God and die! (**Job 2:9**)
- But he said to her; As one of the senseless women speaks, you speak also. Shall we accept merely what is good from the true God and not accept also what is bad? In all this **Job** did not sin with his lips. (**Job 2:10**)
- He spoke the truth about God.
- And now take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant **Job**, and you men must offer up a burnt sacrifice in your own behalf, and **Job** my servant will himself pray for you. His face only I shall accept so as not to commit disgraceful folly with you, for you have not spoken concerning me what is truthful, as has my servant **Job**. (**Job 42:8**)
- He accepted reproof for being too anxious to declare himself righteous and neglecting to vindicate God.
- But the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite of the family of Ram came to be hot. Against **Job** his anger blazed over his declaring his own soul righteous rather than God. (**Job 32:2**)
- He acknowledged his sins to God.
- And **Job** proceeded to answer Yehowah and say; (**Job 42:1**)
- I have come to know that you are able to do all things, and there is no idea that is unattainable for you. (**Job 42:2**)
- Who is this that is obscuring counsel without knowledge? Therefore I talked, but I was not understanding things too wonderful for me, which I do not know. (**Job 42:3**)
- Hear, please, and I myself shall speak. I shall question you, and you inform me. (**Job 42:4**)
- In hearsay I have heard about you, but now my own eye does see you. (**Job 42:5**)



- That is why I make a retraction, and I do repent in dust and ashes. (Job 42:6)

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- At the end of Job's faithful course under test, God constituted him a priest for his three companions who had contended with him, and God restored Job to his former status.
- He again had a fine family, evidently by the same wife, and double the wealth he had previously possessed. All his relatives and former associates returned to pay respect to him and to bring him gifts.
- And it came about after Yehowah had spoken these words to Job, that Yehowah proceeded to say to Eliphaz the Temanite; My anger has grown hot against you and your two companions, for you men have not spoken concerning me what is truthful as has my servant Job. (Job 42:7)
- And now take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job, and you men must offer up a burnt sacrifice in your own behalf, and Job my servant will himself pray for you. His face only I shall accept so as not to commit disgraceful folly with you, for you have not spoken concerning me what is truthful, as has my servant Job. (Job 42:8)
- Accordingly Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did just as Yehowah had spoken to them, and so Yehowah accepted Job's face. (Job 42:9)
- And Yehowah himself turned back the captive condition of Job when he prayed in behalf of his companions, and Yehowah began to give in addition all that had been Job's, in double amount. (Job 42:10)
- And there kept coming to him all his brothers and all his sisters and all those formerly knowing him, and they began to eat bread with him in his house and to sympathize with him and to comfort him over all the calamity that Yehowah had let come upon him, and they proceeded each one to give him a piece of money and each one a gold ring. (Job 42:11)
- As for Yehowah, he blessed the end of Job afterward more than

- his beginning, so that he came to have fourteen thousand sheep and six thousand camels and a thousand spans of cattle and a thousand she-asses. (**Job 42:12**)
- He also came to have seven sons and three daughters. (**Job 42:13**)
  - And he went calling the name of the first Jemimah and the name of the second Keziah and the name of the third Keren-happuch. (**Job 42:14**)
  - And no women were found as pretty as **Job's** daughters in all the land, and their father proceeded to give them an inheritance in among their brothers. (**Job 42:15**)
  - He lived to see his sons and his grandsons to four generations.
  - And **Job** continued living after this a hundred and forty years and came to see his sons and his grandsons, four generations. (**Job 42:16**)
  - Through the prophet Ezekiel, God pointed to **Job** as an example of righteousness.
  - And had these three men proved to be in the midst of it, Noah, Daniel and **Job**, they themselves because of their righteousness would deliver their soul, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 14:14**)
  - Even were Noah, Daniel and **Job** in the midst of it, as I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, neither son nor daughter would they deliver, they themselves because of their righteousness would deliver their soul. (**Ezekiel 14:20**)
  - His patient endurance of suffering is set before Christians as a pattern, and his happy outcome is pointed to as magnifying Yehowah's affection and mercy.
  - Look! We pronounce happy those who have endured. You have heard of the endurance of **Job** and have seen the outcome Yehowah gave, that Yehowah is very tender in affection and merciful. (**James 5:11**)

- **The account of his trialsome experience gives great comfort and strength to Christians, and many Bible principles are highlighted and illuminated by the book bearing his name.**